

**Ouabache State Park** ■ 4930 East State Road 201 ■ Bluffton, IN 46714  
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July 30 – August 3

***Hoosier Quest***

***11:00 am***

***Friday at the Lodge,  
Saturday, and Sunday at  
Campview Shelter***

Connect! Discover! Explore!  
Come to the Campview Shelter  
to learn more about this exciting  
new program offered at all state  
parks. After a brief introduction,  
we'll break into groups to start  
working on the program.  
Individuals still working on the  
Park Patch program can join us  
to finish working toward their  
Smokey's Friend, Junior  
Naturalist, or Hoosier Ecologist  
patches!

**Wednesday, July 30, 2008**

**9:30 am                      Seeds, Seeds, and More Seeds**

What all can you do with a seed? Come to the Campview shelter to learn more about these important parts of every day life. We'll be making cool creations to take home as well.

**Thursday, July 31, 2008**

*Naturalist In-Service - No Programming today.*

**Friday, August 1, 2008**

**9:30 am Native Plants**

Why are native plants getting all the good press? Find out why and learn about a few of Indiana's native plants at the Trails End Shelter.

**8:00 pm                      Evening Bird Hike**

Put your skills to the test as we search for birds during this forty-five minute hike. Meet at the Boat House. Tennis shoes and bug spray are highly recommended. Bring your binoculars

and bird books if you have them!

**Saturday, August 2, 2008**

**9:30 am                      Gardening for Wildlife**

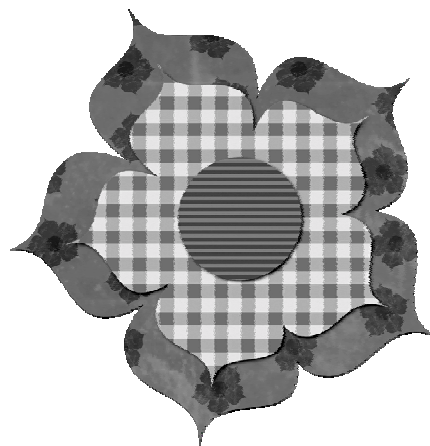
Do you want to attract wildlife to your backyard? Find out how the right plants can bring in the critters you want to see. Meet at Campview Shelter.

**1:45 pm                      Pool Break – Creature Feature**

What creature will Naturalist Kate have with her today? Find out on the pool lawn during the pool safety check! Make sure you get your hand stamped so you can get back into the pool!

**8:00 pm                      Leave No Trace Workshop**

You can find out what it means to "walk gently upon the Earth" by joining Bill Houk for this exciting workshop at the Rustic Oak



Shelter. Houk is a Master Educator who volunteers to lead workshops about how to leave no trace, throughout Indiana and the Midwest. He will be using games, demonstrations, and hands-on activities to help participants learn seven important "Leave No Trace" principles. The program is free and designed to assist outdoor enthusiasts and groups with making decisions about how to reduce their impacts when they are in the out-of-doors.

### **Sunday, August 3, 2008**

#### **8:00 am Church Services**

Meet at Campview Shelter to worship with a local pastor in the beauty of nature.

**\*WANTED! Volunteers to help create the best Fall Festival ever! Individuals are needed to help create games and decorations for the October 24 - 25<sup>th</sup> event. Additionally, individuals are needed to help staff the event. Call Ouabache State Park at 260-824-0926 or email [OuabacheInterp@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:OuabacheInterp@dnr.IN.gov) to find out how you can help!\***

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#### **Pool Break - Make and Take**

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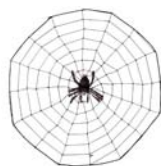
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**August 6 - 10**

**Wednesday, August 6, 2008**



**9:30 am Arachnophobia!**

Do you suffer from arachnophobia? Do you love spiders? Either way, join us at the Campground Shelter to learn all about these amazing creatures.

**8:00 pm Nature's Ninja**

These not so little bugs pack a big punch. Discover which insect is nature's ninja by meeting at Rustic Oak Shelter.

**Thursday, August 7, 2008**

**9:30 am Wild Weather**

Thunderstorms, summer heat, and flash floods – common news in Indiana. Meet at the Lakeside Shelter to learn more about the wild weather and how to stay safe while you're camping or enjoying a day out at the park.

**8:00 pm The EYE's have it**

Eyes come in a wide variety. Those that see at night and those that work from miles away. Learn how these different eyes work at Campview Shelter.

**Friday, August 8, 2008**

**9:30 am Animal Orphans**

Animal babies look cute and cuddly, but what should you do if one's lost mom? Come to the Campview shelter to find out!

**8:00 pm Constellation Myths**

Do you know the stories of the constellations? Do you know why we even have them? Meet at Campview Shelter to learn a more about the pictures in our night skies.

## **Hoosier Quest!!**

11:00 am

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

### **Start now!!**

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## **Saturday, August 9, 2008**

### **9:30 am      Bison Hike**

Did you know that Ouabache State Park is the only state park that has a bison herd? Learn more about these amazing creatures during this hour long stroll around the bison pen. Meet at the small shelter near the pen.

### **1:45 pm      Pool Break - Creature Feature**

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### **10:30 pm      Perseids Party**

Get ready for a night of shooting stars. We'll talk about what a shooting star really is and about their different colors before settling back for an evening of meteor watching. Bring a blanket or chair and some bug spray as we meet on the large hill next to the pool.

## **Sunday, August 10, 2008**

### **8:00 am      Church Service**

Join a local pastor for a worship service in the beauty of nature. Meet on Campview Shelter's back patio.

### **1:45 pm      Pool Break - Fun in the Sun**

Meet on the pool lawn for a quick game. If you're swimming make sure you get your hand stamped so that you can get back in the pool after the safety check!

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**Wednesday, August 13, 2008**

**8:00 pm**

**It's a plane . . . no it's a squirrel?**

Flying squirrels are curious indeed. Meet at Campview Shelter to learn about this crazy squirrel that flies through the air.

**Thursday, August 14, 2008**

**8:00 pm**

**Ouabache Book Club**

Join Naturalist Kate at the Campview Shelter to discuss the last 3 chapters of Al Gore's *Earth in the Balance*. Bring your copy of the book and be ready share your ideas of how to get the environmental conservation message out. You can sit in on the discussion even if you haven't begun reading the book!

**Friday, August 15, 2008**

**8:00 pm**

**Living Green**

With gas prices and food prices climbing many people are "going green" to try to save money. Learn what you can do to save the earth and your pocketbook by meeting at Campview Shelter!

**Saturday, August 16, 2008**

**9:30 am Inspect an Insect**

Have you ever looked at a bug up close? Well don't miss this chance to learn more about insects by looking at them up close and personal. We'll be creating our own Bug Books after we catch a few bugs! Meet at Lakeside Shelter.

**8:00 pm      Backyard Bugs**  
Beetle or Mantis? Dragonfly or Damselfly? Learn  
have here at Ouabache State Park by meeting at



about some of the great insects we  
Campview Shelter.

**Sunday, August 17, 2008**

**8:00 am      Church Service**  
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**1:45 pm      Pool Break - Make and Take**  
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**August 20 - 24**

**Wednesday, August 20, 2008**



**8:00 pm      Sun and Moon**  
Discover how our sun and moon affect us here on  
earth. Meet at the Campview Shelter to learn a few  
amazing facts!

**Thursday, August 21, 2008**

**8:00 pm      The Masked Bandit**  
These sneaky little mammals love to raid your campsites for tasty treats.  
Learn about the adaptable raccoon by meeting at Campview Shelter.

**Friday, August 22, 2008**

**8:00 pm      Take Over of the Plants**  
Invasive plants out compete our native ones. Learn which ones are here and  
how to best get rid of them by meeting at Rustic Oak Shelter.

**Saturday, August 23, 2008**

**9:30 am      Wonderful Wetlands**  
Wetlands provide us with many services. Learn how they help us out  
by meeting at Campview Shelter. After, we'll go check out a wetland  
for ourselves!

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**7:30 pm      Nature Bingo**

**Sunday, August 24, 2008**

**8:00 am      Church Service**

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**1:45 pm      Pool Break – Make and Take**

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**August 27 – September 1**

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**8:00 pm      10 Things Kids Can Do**

Kids can make a difference! Learn 10 things you and your parents (or kids) can do together to make help save the planet! Meet at Campview shelter.

**Thursday, August 28, 2008**

**8:00 pm      Water Waders**

Sit at the Kunkel Lake for any amount of time and you might see a majestic blue heron. Learn more about the graceful giants that grace our Lake. Meet at Lakeside Shelter.

**Friday, August 29, 2008**

**8:00 pm      Take Over of the Plants**

Invasive plants out compete our native ones. Learn which ones are here and how to best get rid of them by meeting at Rustic Oak Shelter.

**Saturday, August 30, 2008**

**9:30 am      Talkin' Trees**

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Meet at the trailhead for trail 3 (near campsite 32) and we'll take a hour long stroll through the woods to learn more about trees and their benefits.



**1:45 pm      Pool Break – Creature Feature**

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**9:00 pm      Whoooo are you?**

Owls have great adaptations that help them navigate the night skies. Meet at Rustic Oak Shelter to learn about these Flying Tigers and perhaps just see one!

**Sunday, August 31, 2008**

**8:00 am      Church Service**

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**Monday, September 1, 2008**

**9:30 am      The Symbol of America**

They have fought their way back from the brink of extinction here in the lower 48. Come to Lakeside Shelter to hear the amazing story of our national bird – the Bald Eagle.

**1:45 pm      Pool Break – Make and Take**

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